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SUBJ: PRODUCT OPPORTUNITY-RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE

BOND FROM FOREIGN TRANSACTION COMPANY

REF: STATE 078948

1. AFTER MANY DAYS OF SEEKING APPOINTMENT, EMBOFF LAST EVENING MET WITH MANUCHEHR AZMUDEH, NEW(SINCE MID-FEBRUARY) MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS COMPANY TO DISCUSS RELEASE OF MACK PERFORMANCE BOND. AZMUDEH FULL FAMILIAR WITH CASE AND STATED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY RECEIVED COPY OF "HIGHLY INSULTING" LETTER SENT BY PRESIDENT TO AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI. HE DECLINED TO SHOW LETTER ON GROUNDS IT HAD REACHED HIM VIA DIPLOMATIC POUCH.

2. AZMUDEH ASSERTED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED UNTIL MACK PRESIDENT CAME TO TEHRAN AND PERSONALLY APOLOGIZED TO EACH AND EVERY PERSON MALIGNED IN LETTER.

3. EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT IF SUCH A LETTER HAD INDEED BEEN SENT IT WAS UNFORTUNATE, HOWEVER, DID NOT ANSWER QUESTION AS TO WHY IT HAD BEEN NECESSARY THAT PERFORMANCE BOND CONTINUALLY BE EXTENDED. AZUMDEH EBADED AND HINTED AT POSSIBLE IRRUGULARITY INVOLVING MACK IN THIS OR OTHER TRANSACTION. IN FACT, MENTIONED PAST COLLUSIVE ACTIVITY WITH NIOC WHICH HAD BEEN "OVERLOOKED" AT TIME. FYI: AZMUDEH FROMERLY HEADED NIOC PIPELINE PROJECT ACTIVITIES.

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4. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WESTLEY WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH

MCGUIRE AND MAKOWSKI ON THEIR ARRIVAL TEHRAN. IT SHOULD BE
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ARE NON-WORKING DAYS
AT EMBASSY WHICH OPENS FOR BUSINESS 0730 SUNDAY A.M.
SUGGEST MCGUIRE AND MAKOWSKI CALL FOR APPOINTMENT SUNDAY
A.M. EMBASSY NUMBER IS 820091, EXTENSION 2123. EMBASSY
HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MIRDIMAD OF MACK LOCAL OFFICE.
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